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LENNY'S.

THERE'S A POKER GAME IN THIS DIVE EVERY NIGHT OF THE YEAR.

STAKES ARE LOW.

TEMPERS RUN HIGH.



I TRY TO MAKE THE GAME ONCE A WEEK.



I CAN PUT MY EAR TO THE STREET HERE.

PUNKS AND LOWLIFES COME TO BRAG ABOUT WHAT BAD BOYS THEY ARE.

I COME TO LISTEN...



... AND I COME TO WAIT.

I'M WAITING FOR THE MAN WHO SHOT MY PARENTS.



THIS IS THE SORT OF JOINT HE'D COME TO.

SO FAR HE'S NEVER COME IN ON A NIGHT I'VE BEEN HERE.



BUT SO MANY OTHER BAD BOYS DO.

ARE YOU THE ONE THEY CALL PATCH MALONE?



JUST MY
FLAMIN' LUCK!
CYBER-NINJA
ASSASSINS!

AND I'M
HOLDING A
KING-HIGH
STRAIGHT!

FACE TO FACE

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SPECIAL THANKS TO DAN SLOTT



VOICE MATCHES TO 99% OF SAMPLE.

TARGET CONFIRMED.



YOU DID IT AGAIN, LOGAN.

OPENED YOUR MOUTH AND TALKED YOUR WAY INTO SOMETHING.



ARRRGH!

PURE ELECTRICITY...

FRYIN' ME...



THAT MAKES THIS GUY MY MAIN CONCERN.

GRAARGH!

KLIK!



KA-POW!





HE'S JUST NOTHING.

KLONG!



♪ NA-NA-NA ♪
♪ NA-NA-NA ♪
...DARKCLAW♪

THE CLAWMOBILE SPEEDS TO THE RESCUE.



DON'T CALL IT THAT.

YOU LOOK BEAT UP.

CHEATING AT CARDS, AGAIN?



NO... REAL TROUBLE.

A PAIR OF CYBER-NINJA ASSASSINS, SPARROW.

THEY KNEW RIGHT WHERE TO FIND ME, TOO.



SOMEONE HAD TO GIVE THEM THAT KIND OF INFORMATION.



ZZZZEEOOOOW!

THAT MEANS LADY TALIA IS BACK.



HAS IT BEEN TWO YEARS...?

... SINCE FATHER'S VIRUS...?

THEY WERE EVENLY MATCHED THAT DAY.

BUT THEY ALWAYS WERE.



CLANG!

NEITHER SAW THE SCORPION.

ONCE AGAIN, WARRIOR...

... THE DESERT CHOOSES MY DESTINY.



COME, UBUWONG.

WE GO TO RESHAPE A BETTER WORLD.

NOOOO!



WHAT'S HIS GAME???

HE LEFT THE STINGERS!

HE KNOWS... I CAN'T LET HIM GO...



DAMN YOU FOR MAKING ME DO THIS, RA'S!



BOOM!

WHAT...?





I SHOULD HAVE FEARED THE FLAMES...



... FELT THE HEAT.

FATHER!

INSTEAD I BURNED OFF 90% OF MY SKIN.



FATHER!
NO!

WITHOUT EVER FINDING HIS BODY.

THE PRECEDING FROM THE TV EPISODE: LEGACY OF APOCALYPSE.



NO MATTER...

MY NEW ADAMANTIUM LIMBS ARE MORE THAN UP TO THE TASK I HAVE DEDICATED THE REST OF MY LIFE TO...



THE KILLING OF THE DARK CLAW!



YOU'RE LUCKY I'M HERE.

YOU ALWAYS FALL TO PIECES WHENEVER THAT GIRL'S AROUND.



SO... ?

WITH MY MUTANT HEALING POWER...

... I WON'T EVEN HAVE A SCAR IN TEN MINUTES.



AND WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE ?

SOMEONE'S HUNTING FOR YOU AND YOU COME BACK TO THE BURROW... ?

THAT'S LITERALLY CRAWLING UNDERGROUND.

THAT'S NOT LIKE YOU.

YOU'RE RIGHT.

DON'T EXAGGERATE!

AS IF

LOOK AT YOU. YOU'RE SO CARELESS, YOU GOT YOURSELF SHOT.



I WAS CARELESS BEFORE.

TO FACE TALIA, I NEED TO BE MY BEST.



I'VE GOT TO WORK SOME KINKS OUT...

AND I'M NOT IN THE MOOD TO PAINT.



GO SET UP THE DANGER CAVE.

A STRENUOUS PROGRAM.



YOU'RE SERIOUS ?!

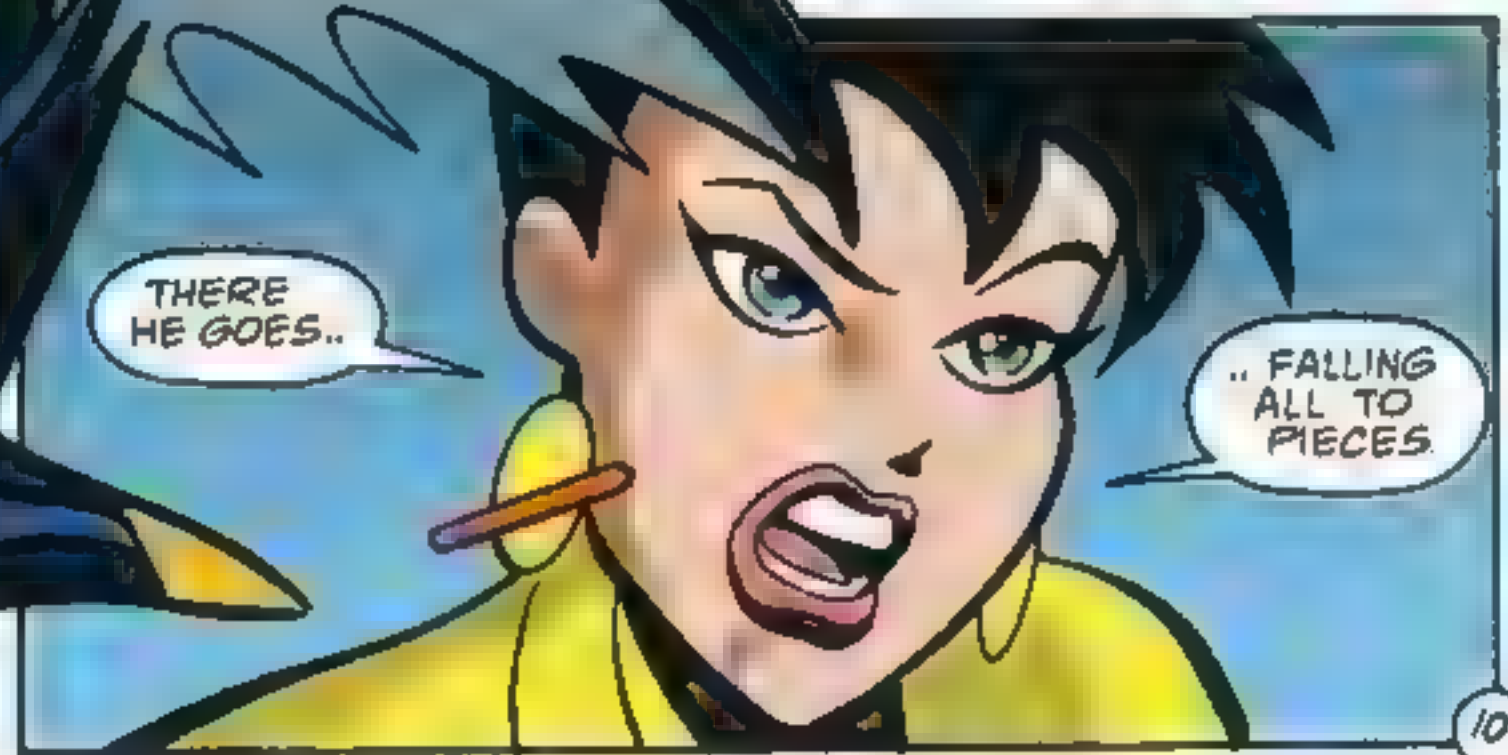
WE'RE HANGING AROUND HERE ?

WE'RE NOT GOING AFTER HER ?



THIS ISN'T A DEMOCRACY, KID.

GO SET UP THE PROGRAMS.



THERE HE GOES..

.. FALLING ALL TO PIECES



MY COMPLIMENTS,
AGENT THX 1138...

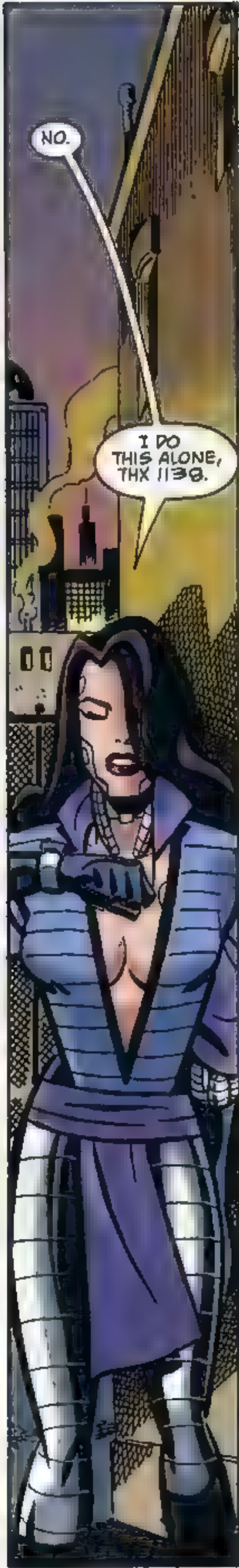
THE BIO-TRACKER
IMPLANT IN LOGAN'S
SHOULDER FUNCTIONS
WELL.

AND HIS
MUTANT SENSES
HAVE YET TO
DETECT IT



THE SUBJECT
HAS STOPPED
TRAVELLING, LADY
TALIA.

WE COULD
SEND A
SQUAD
OF--



NO.

I DO
THIS ALONE,
THX 1138.



ALONE



YOU GOT ME IN YOUR HEADPHONES?

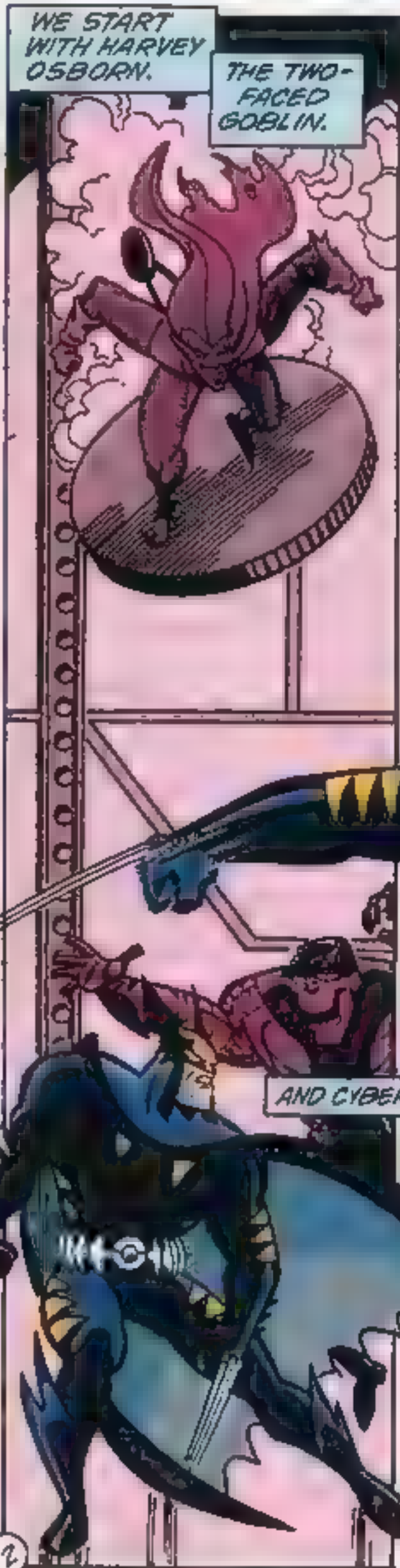
YUP STOP CHEWIN' GUM

ALLL-RIGHTIE THEN

ALL YOU GOTTA DO IS MAKE IT TO THE EXIT.

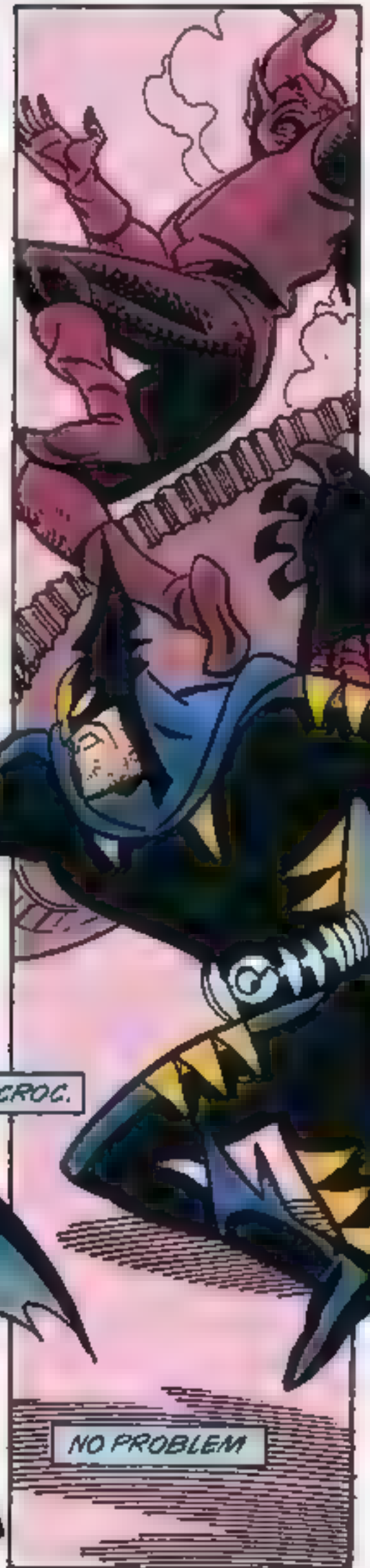
WHILE A ROOMFUL OF LIFE-MODEL-DECOY ROBOTS TRY TO RIP OFF YOUR HEAD.

YOU GOT FIVE MINUTES... ENJOY.

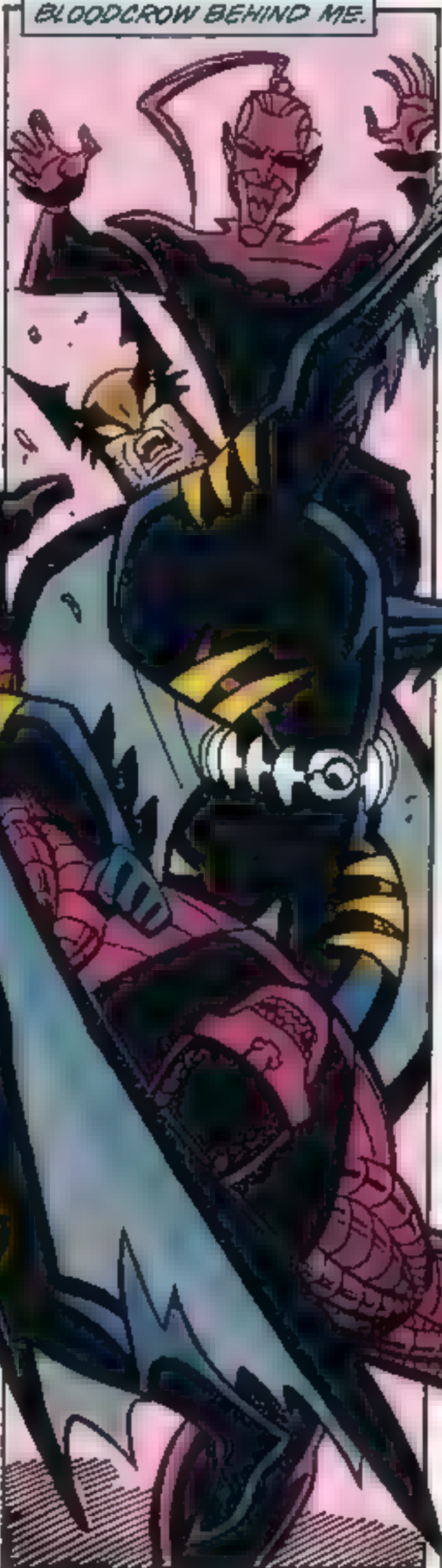


WE START WITH HARVEY OSBORN.

THE TWO-FACED GOBLIN.



NO PROBLEM



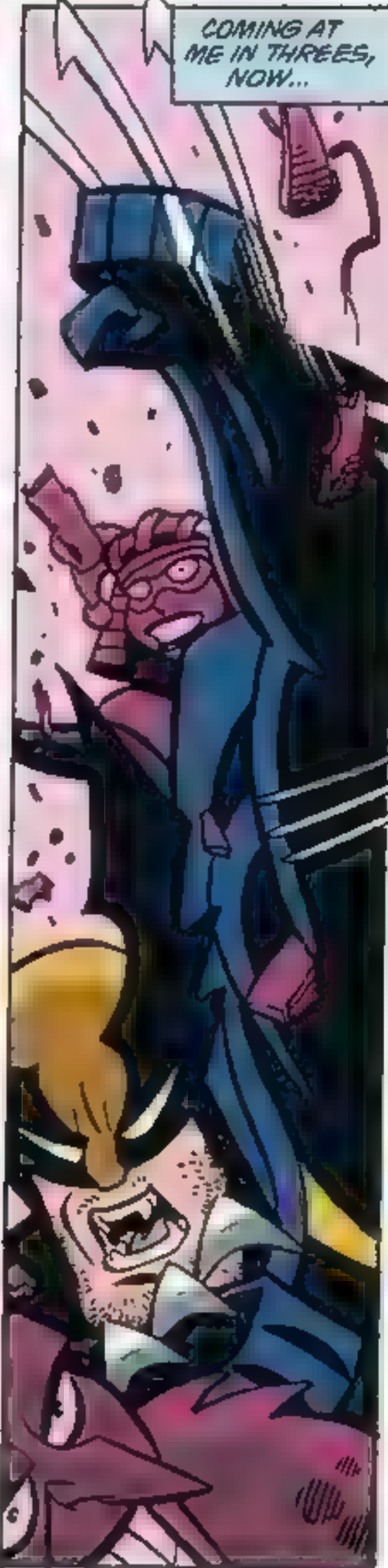
BLOODCROW BEHIND ME.



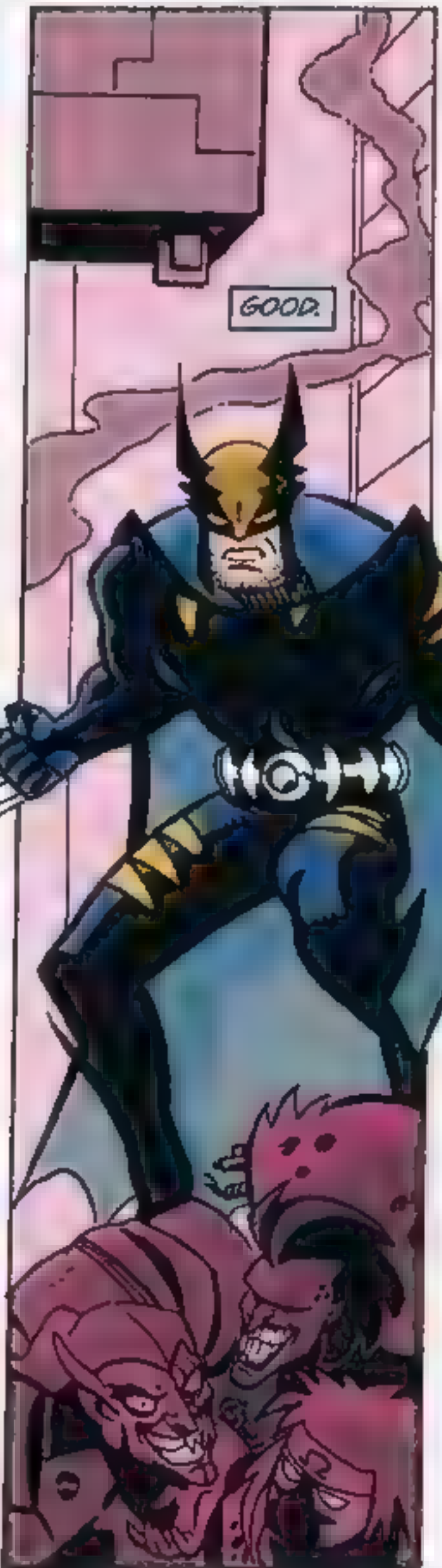
HYENA.

SPIRAL HARLEY

THE OMEGA BEAST.



COMING AT ME IN THREES, NOW...



GOOD.



THE LIGHTS?

NICE TOUCH.

YOU THINK I'M AFRAID OF THE DARK, SPARROW?

SPARROW. ?

NO ANSWER

SOMETHING'S WRONG.

TEST THE AIR

HUNT FOR THE SCENT THAT SHOULDN'T BE THERE.

ALL I'M GETTING IS METAL AND ELECTRICITY.

MUST BE ALL THE L.M.D.s.

uh?

SNF!

SNF!

TALIA!

DIE!!

MY GOD!

YOUR ARMS!

IT WAS SO PITIFULLY EASY TO BREAK IN HERE, LOGAN.

YOUR DEFENSE SYSTEMS...

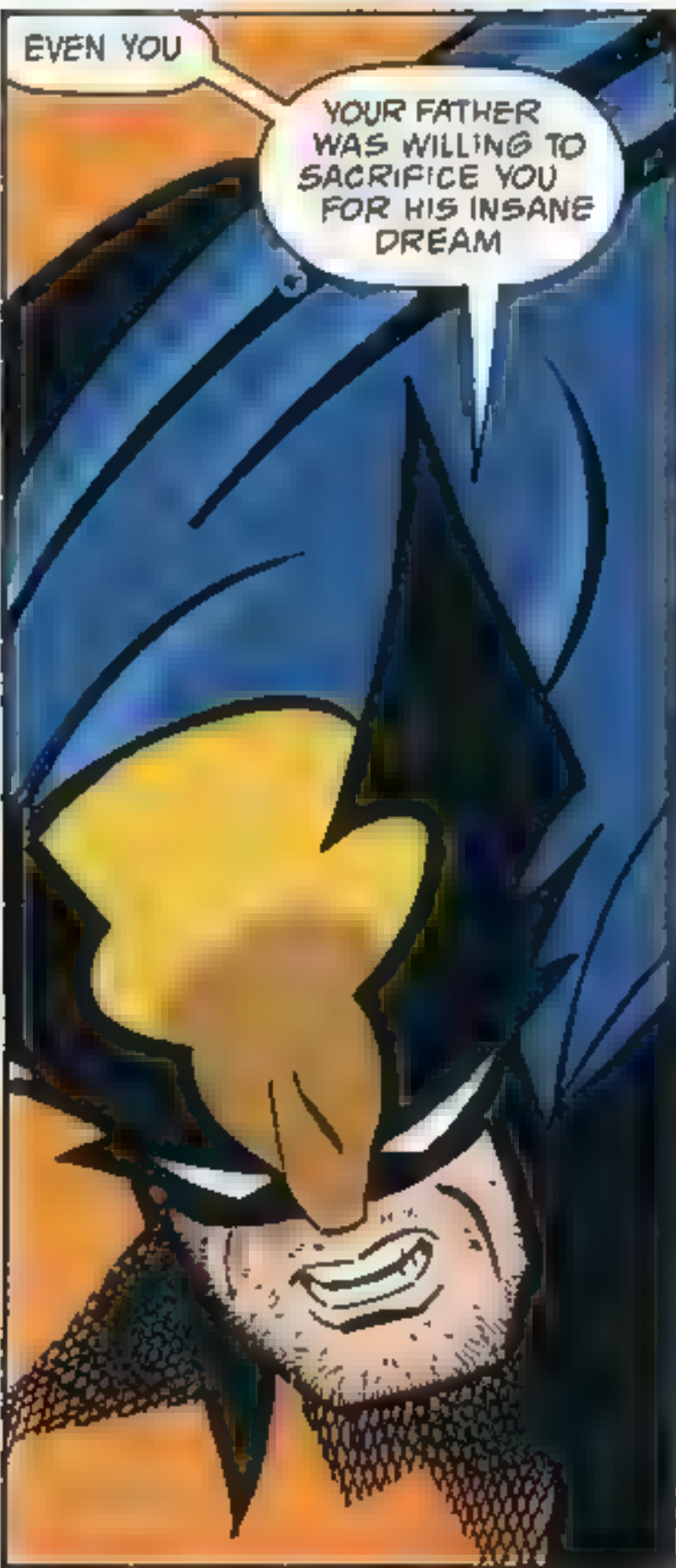
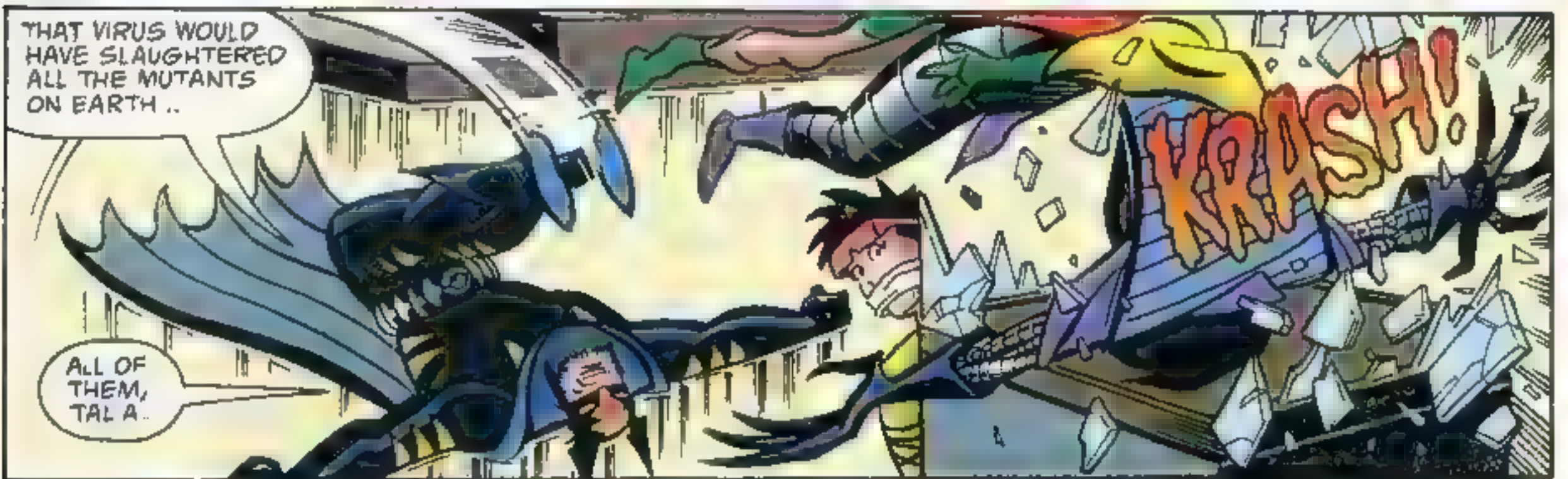
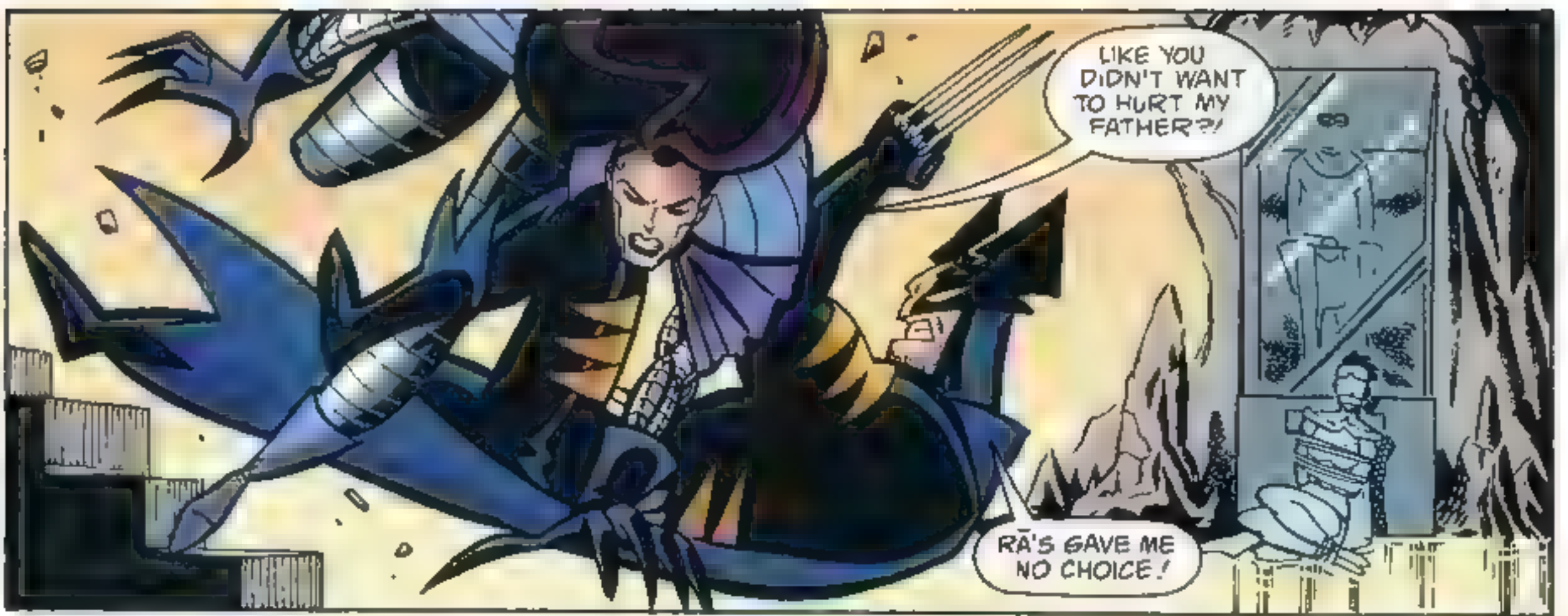
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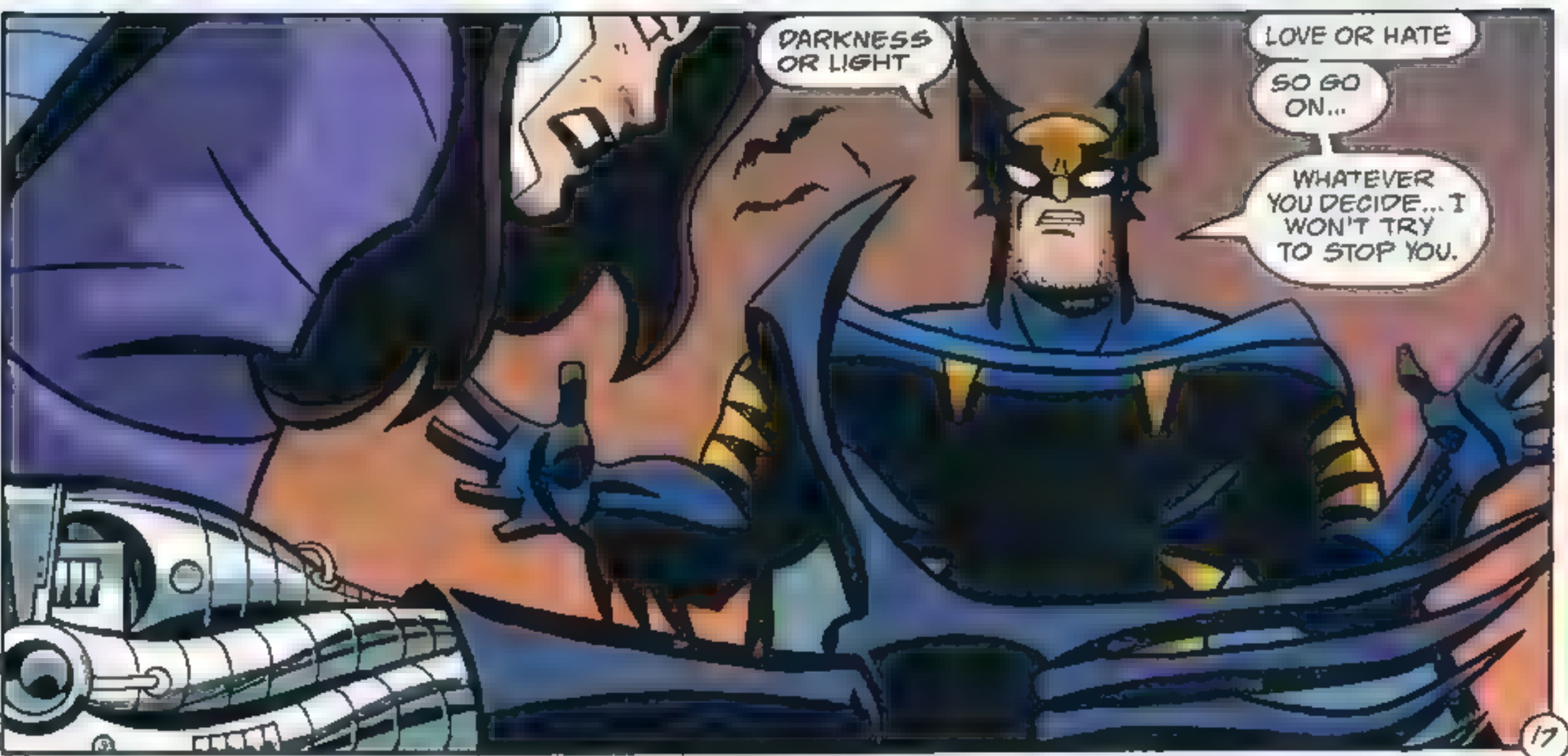
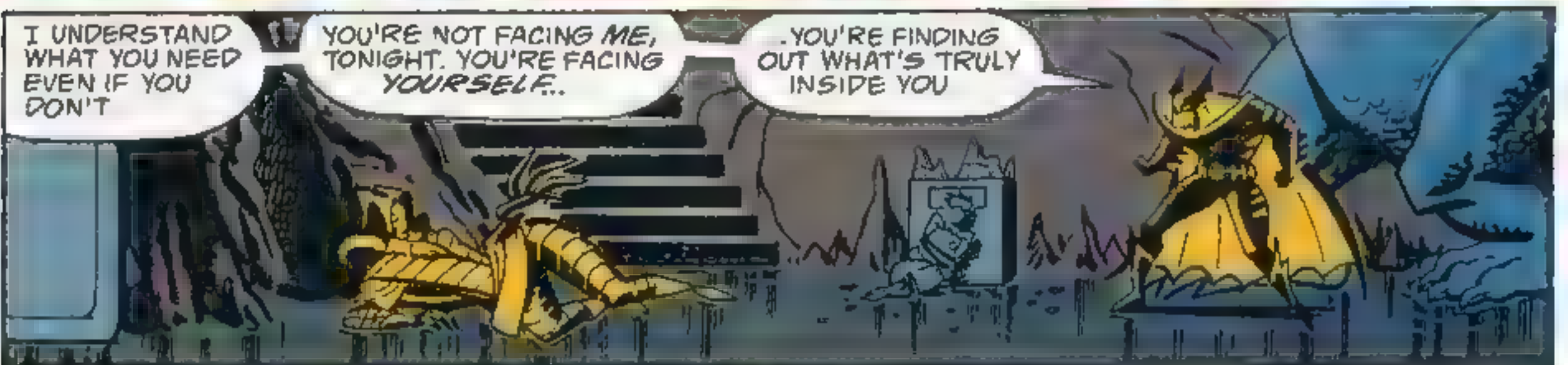
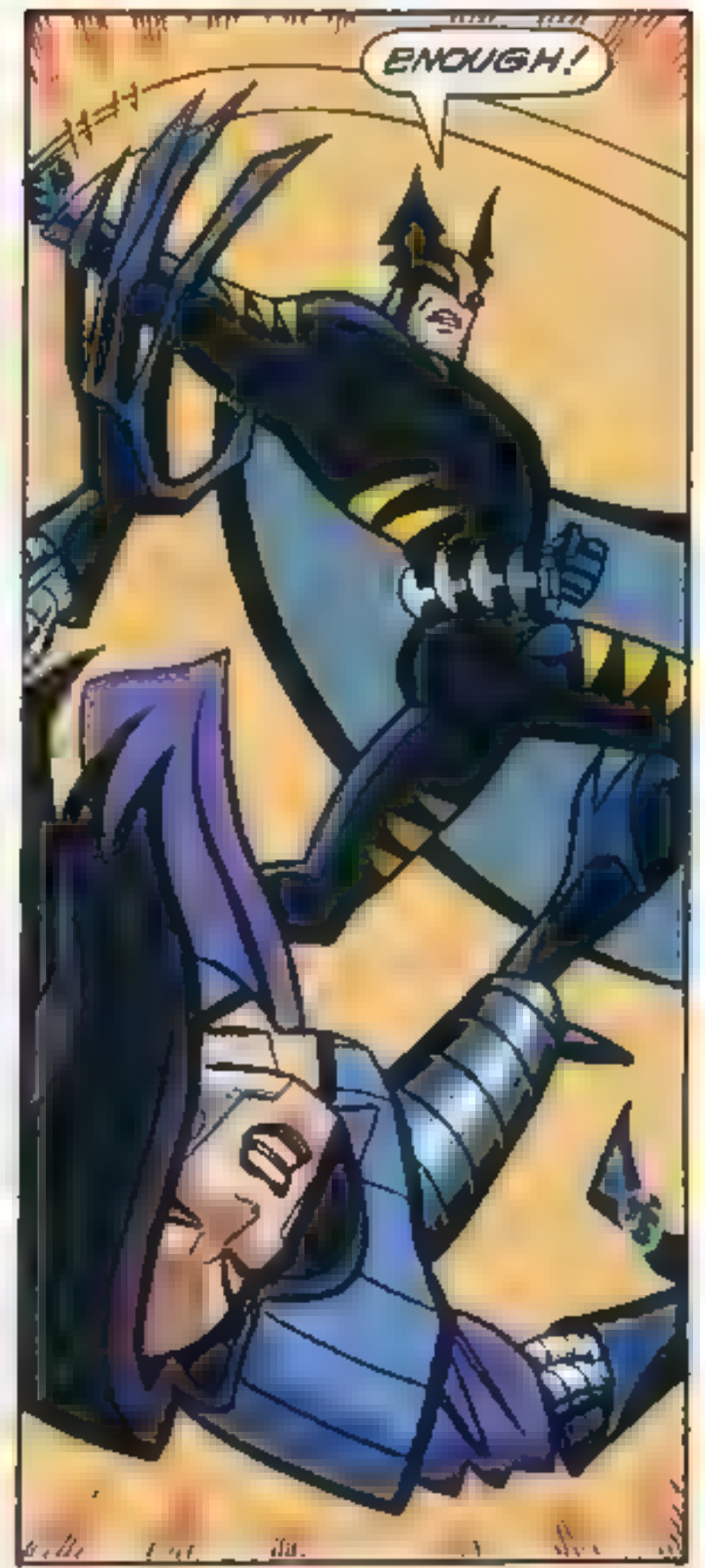
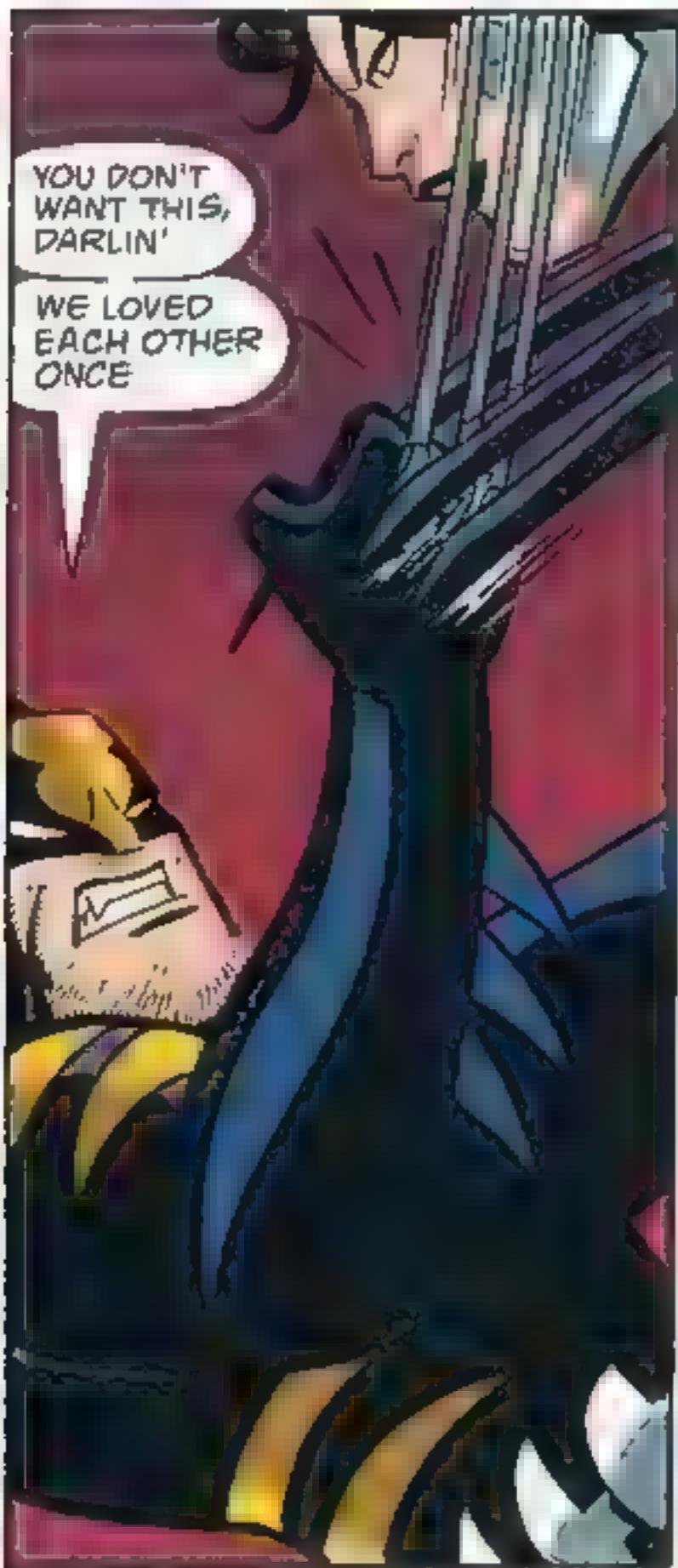
.. YOUR CODE WORDS..

STOP! TALIA!

I DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU!

ALL FOLLOW YOUR PRIVATE OBSESSIONS SO CLOSELY.





"CHOOSE WHO YOU ARE, TALIA."

"CHOOSE."

AAAAAAA!

GKK!

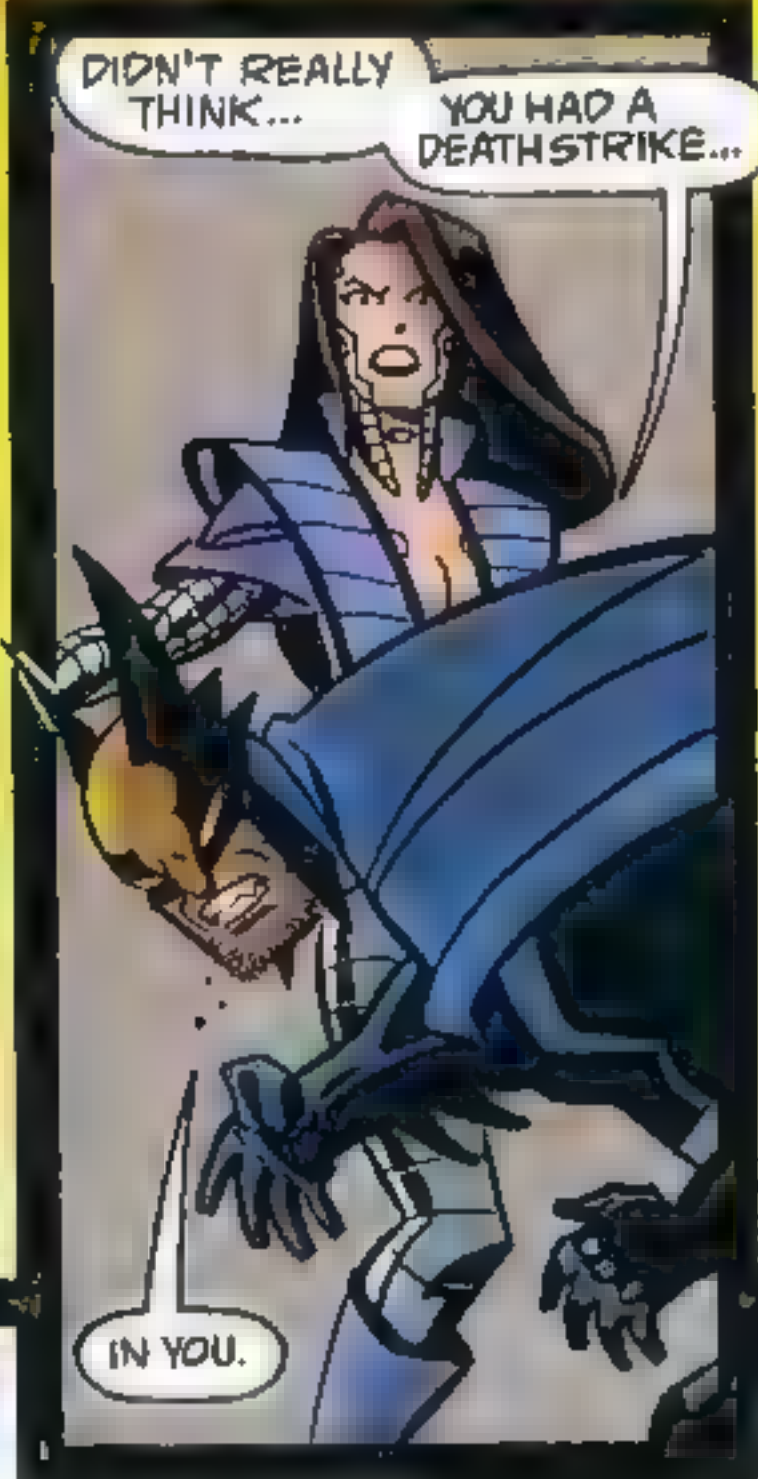
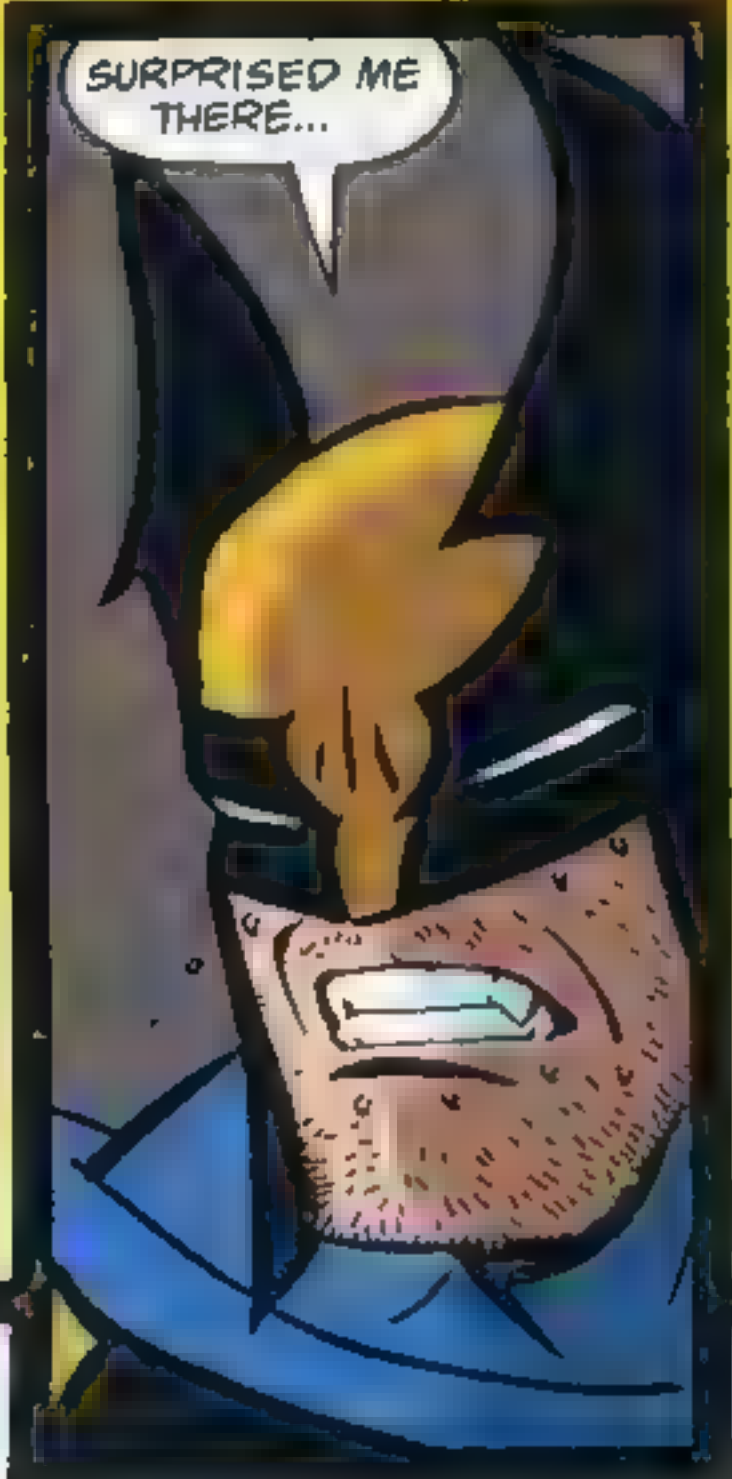


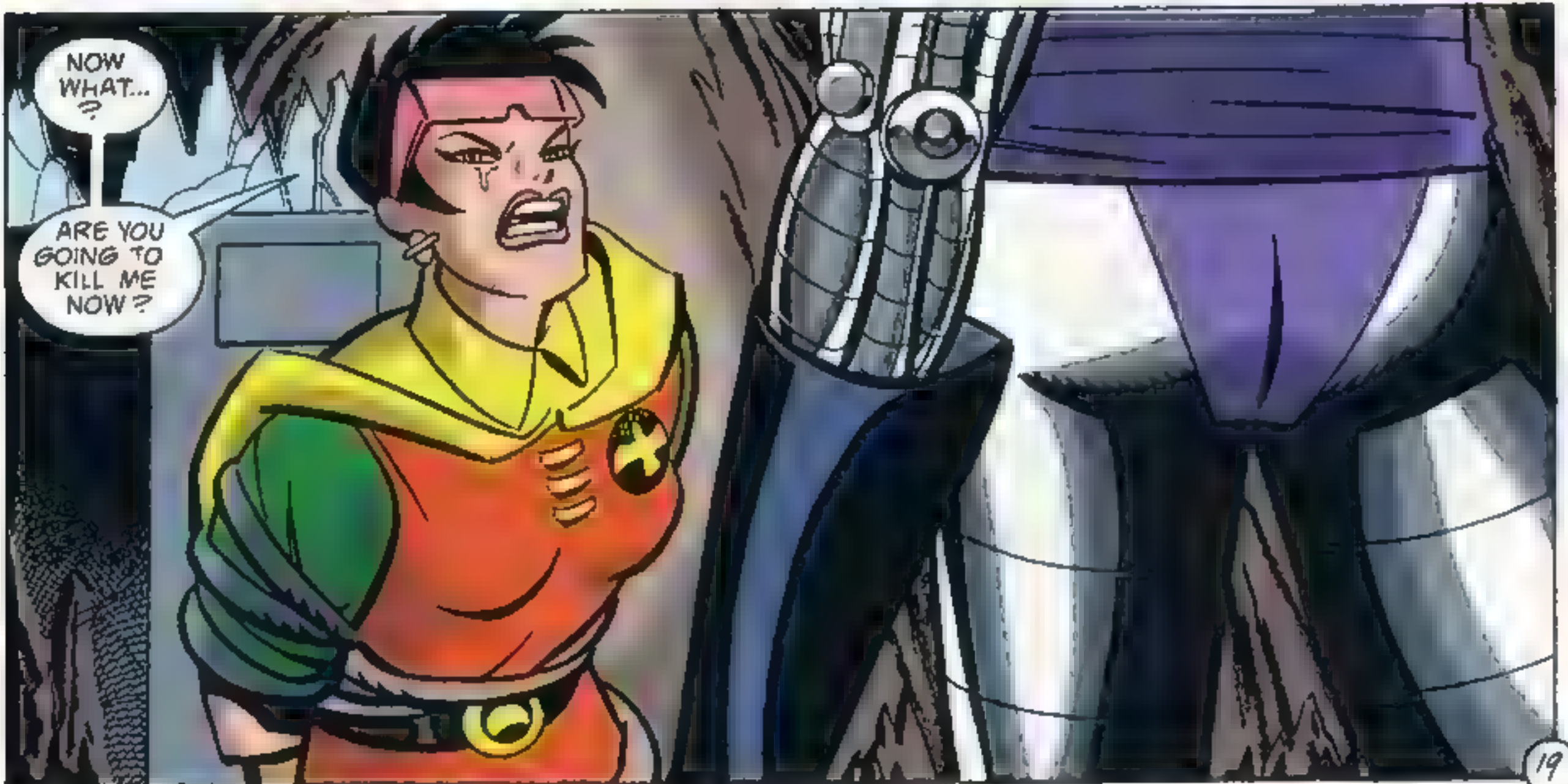
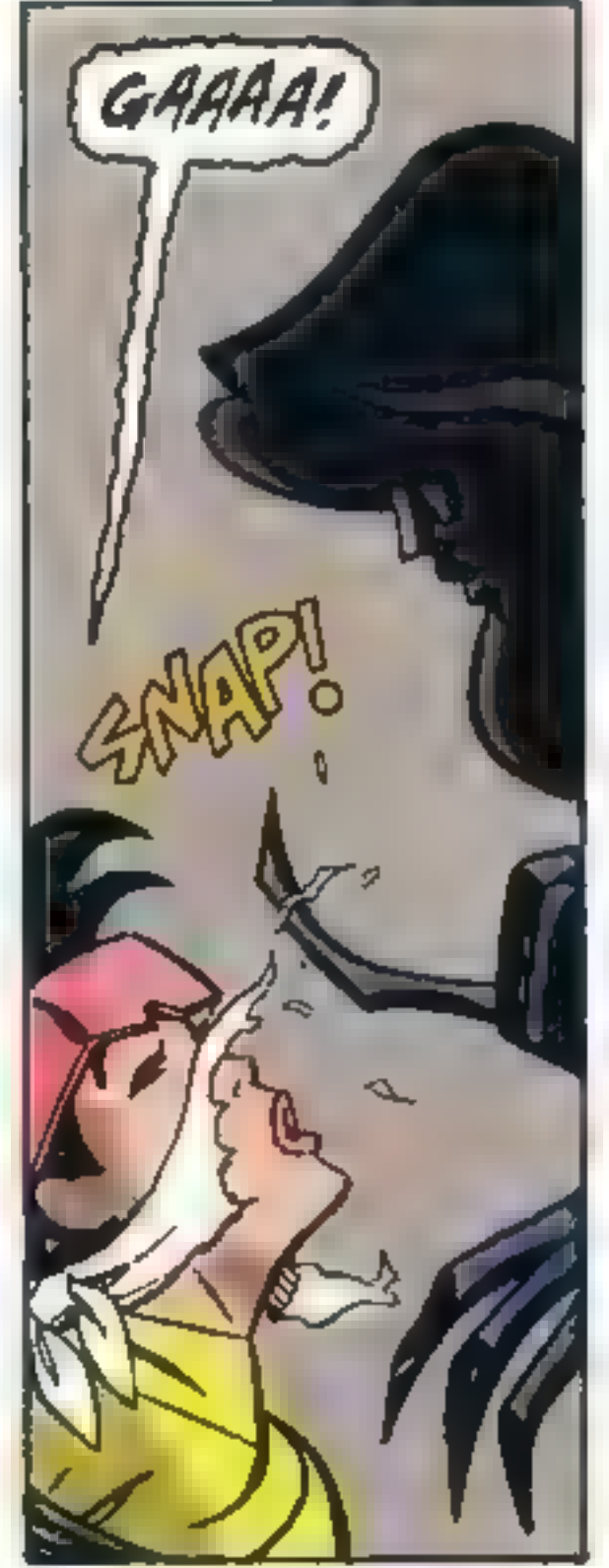
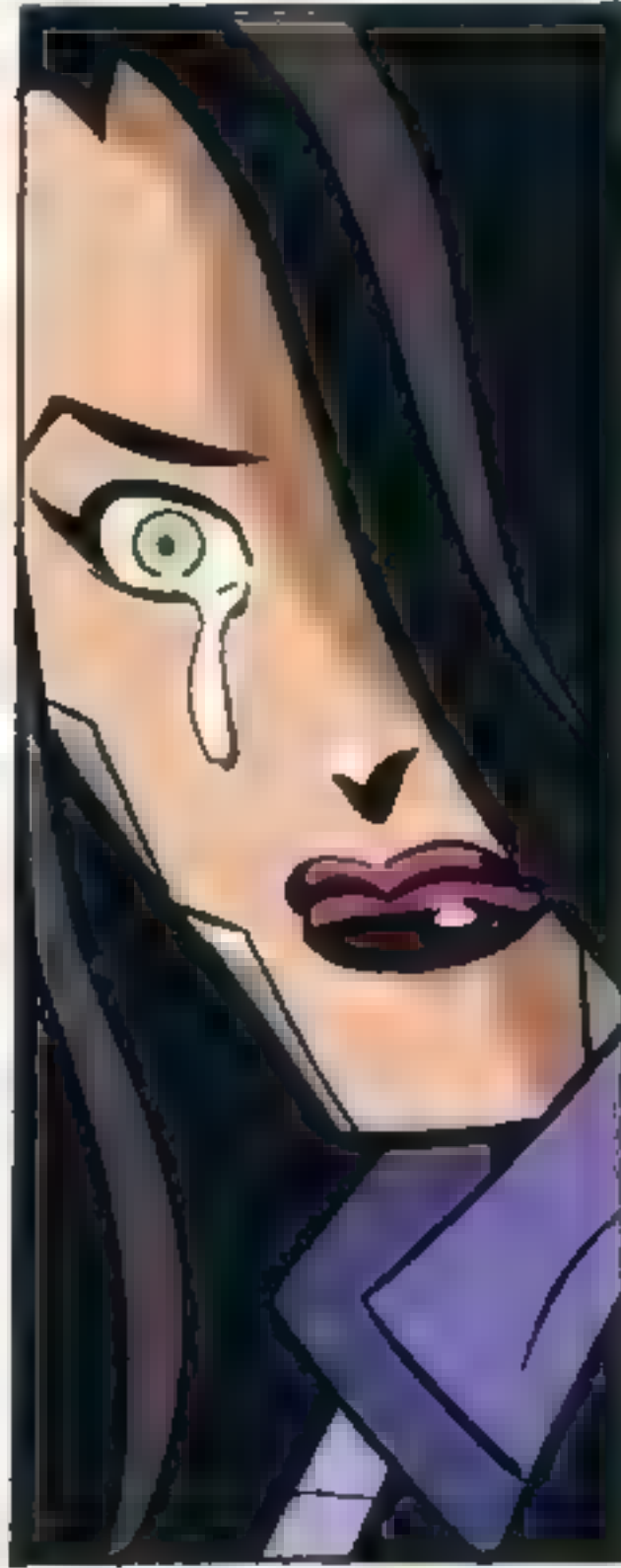
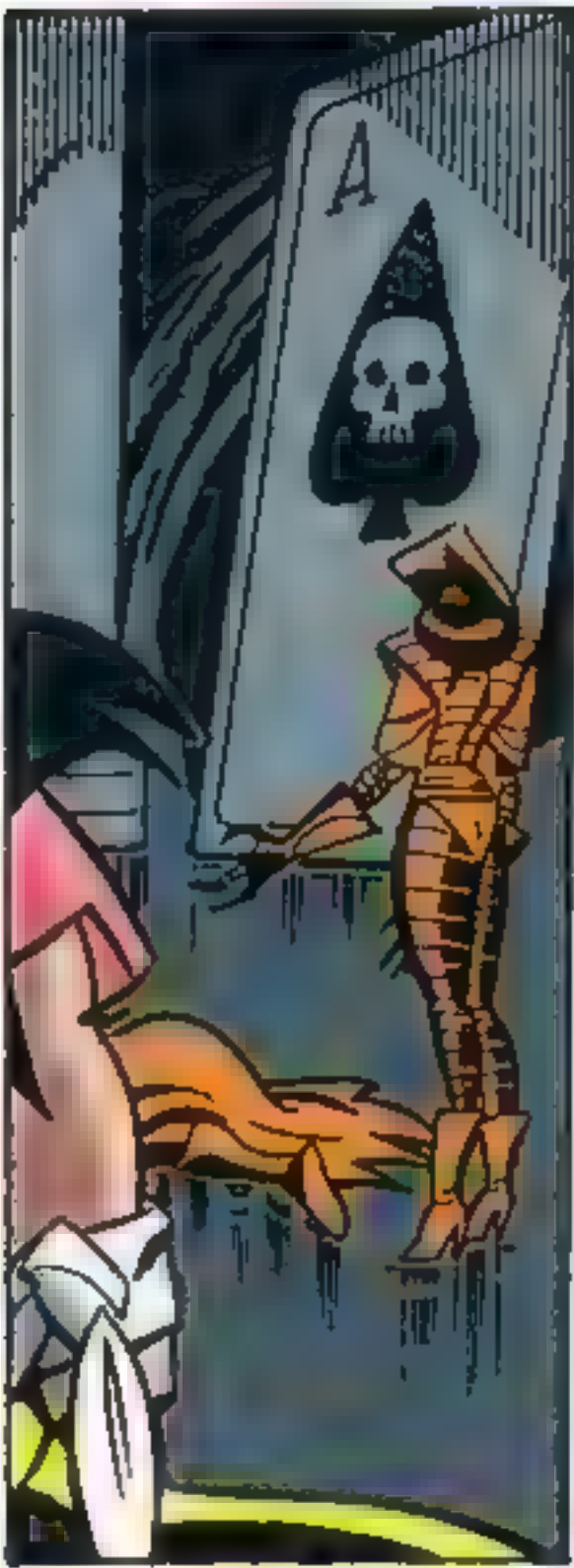
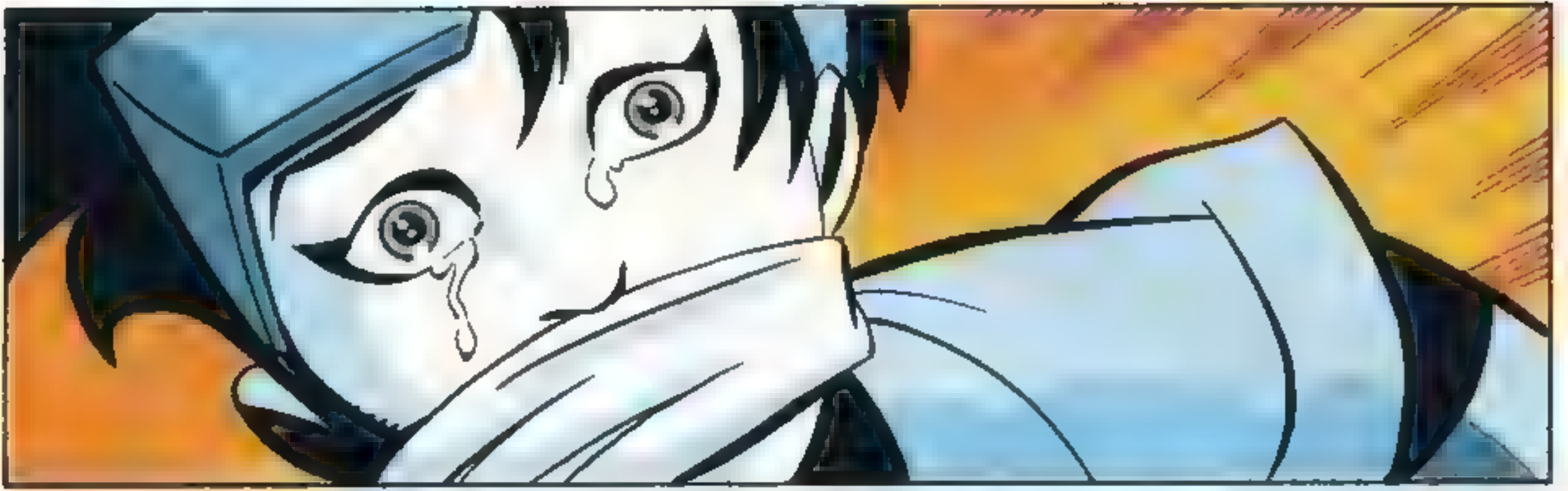
SURPRISED ME THERE...

DIDN'T REALLY THINK...

YOU HAD A DEATH STRIKE...

IN YOU.







NO.
YOU'RE AN INNOCENT.
I STILL HAVE THAT MUCH HONOR.



MY FATHER IS DEAD.
NOW LOGAN IS DEAD.
THERE IS NOTHING LEFT TO DO BUT REMOVE THE LAST PART OF ME STILL TRULY HUMAN.



MY HEART.



I WOULD...



... I WOULD GIVE ANYTHING TO CHANGE THE LAST TWO YEARS.
TO BRING THEM BACK!



ANYTHING... ?



BELOVED!
YOU'RE
ALIVE!

MAYBE...

BUT WE'RE
STILL...

NEGOTIATING...

YOU SAID
YOU'D GIVE...
ANYTHING...?



I SLICED THROUGH YOUR
HEART... I FELT IT.

KOFF!



TELL ME
ABOUT IT...
IT'S GONNA...
STING LIKE
CRAZY... FOR
A WEEK.

BUT MY... HEALING
FACTOR... MAKES
IT HARDER'N BLAZES
... TO TAKE ME...
ALL THE WAY OUT...

KOFF!



I ALWAYS FIGURED
YOU AND I WERE
THE SAME, TALIA.

AND IF I WAS
EVER FACE TO
FACE WITH THE
ONE WHO SHOT
MY PARENTS...

...IT COULD
ONLY GO ONE
OF TWO WAYS.



EITHER I
WOULDN'T
KILL HIM...

OR I'D REGRET
FOR THE REST OF
MY LIFE THAT
I HAD.

MY MIND WAS
NOTHING BUT FIRE
AND PAIN 'TIL I
SORTED AT LEAST
THAT MUCH OUT...

KOFF!



DARK CLAW

ADVENTURES

Dear Scott,
Yes! This is the way Dark Claw is supposed to be handled. Angst, drama, humor, the whole thing. A great story well told with fantastic art. What could be better?

Olav Bermingham

Why, only if it came out every week!



Dear Scott and Darren,

I thought nothing could get me back into comics, but that was before *Dark Claw: The Animated Show* hit the air. Ever since it first appeared on the Fox Bros. network, I've been hooked. I actually lost three jobs because I left the office every day at 4:00 in order to be home to watch it. Finally, I bought myself one of those little portable TVs and now spend a pleasant half hour in the restroom. I've been with this job for four months now and couldn't be happier!

And then I found my first issue of THE DARK CLAW ADVENTURES in a convenience store and my life felt complete. I was a little worried that it would be just, you know, a kiddie comic or something, but I couldn't have been more mistaken. It's just as adult and sophisticated as anything out there today. And it's fun!

Anyhoo, I just wanted to thank Ty, Rick and Linda and, of course, Bruce Dini and Paul Timm for getting the whole thing started in the first place. You've got a fan for life!

Mitchell Jefferson

At least until the boss finds out what you've really been doing in there!



Dear Editor,

I have a question for you. Why is it that in this book Sparrow seems to be a few years older than in the other Dark Claw books? This has been bothering me for a while.

Josh Kucharski

Well, Josh, as you may have guessed by now, THE DARK CLAW ADVENTURES follows the continuity of the animated show and not the other comic books. Two different takes on one totally great character!

Dear Scott,

Call me crazy, but did I catch a reference in "Ten Nights of Omega" to The Omega Beast being incarcerated at Arkham at some point? When did this happen? Did I miss an issue? I'm going nuts here!

Kahlia Beach

Worry not, fair Kahlia, you missed naught. It all happened in the now classic episode of the animated show called "And They Shall Call the Beast Omega!" Gotta stay on your toes around here!



Dear DARK CLAW ADVENTURES,

I really love your show and comic book. I would like to meet Dark Claw someday. Please have him come to my house. I would like to be Sparrow when I grow up. I am having a birthday party. Would Dark Claw like to come? He can stay on the couch and borrow my Dad's car. Please write back. 'Bye.

Robert E. McBride

Dear Robert, Dark Claw's awfully busy right now, but if he's ever in your neighborhood on a case, I'm sure he'll stop by. Thanks for writing! Oh, and...don't let your dad know you're promising his car to other people. If you think *Dark Claw* gets mad!...



Dear Scott,

How can you guys be so great? Every time I think you can't possibly get any better, well, you just prove me wrong! It's just not possible! How do you do it?

Simon DelHoma, Jr.

Ah, the secret everyone wants to know! Doesn't seem human, does it, Simon? Here's a hint: Ty and Rick aren't human! They've got adamantium talent! I could tell you more, but then they'd have to impress you to death! We wouldn't

video Dark Claw movie. Can this be true? I don't think my heart could take it! Please tell me! I'm in complete suspense and can think of nothing else! Help!

NJC OLD XENO AKA
SALINAKY1@AOL.COM

Well, good news, you crazy Kat, I guess: there are going to be new episodes, starting with that aforementioned video movie! They're gearing up to produce another dozen episodes, but they won't be on until early next year. They're produced by Dini and Timm, and Ty and Rick'll be doing some of the storyboards, as will Ronnie Del Murakami and Kevin Riba! Woo-hooo!



Dear Scott,

You guys are the best.

Ross Gilpin

Well, I sure don't know about that, Ross...but we sure try! Thanks for writing!

HEY! Be on the lookout for the new "Dark Claw: Elsewhat If" line of toys from Puckett and Parobeck Toys! It features all your favorites in bizarre new costumes, the likes of which you've never seen before. They're all in neon colors, many of which have actually never before existed in this world! It's an advance in science, just to provide you with hours and hours of fun and excitement! And, just to really get you in a tizzy, at long last: Spiral Harley! She's only available in this "Elsewhat If" line, and there's only one Harley per ten dozen Dark Claws, so keep them eyes peeled, ol' faithfuls!

NEXT ISSUE: The unthinkable happens...a blast from the past you never thought'd come back. It's all in "Secret of the Waiting Phoenix Saga," by Ty, Rick, Linda and Tim. See you then!

—Scott Peterson
amalgamate me, baby!

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